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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SACSTATE WASHDC 8656
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3342

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, ASEC, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: SECURITY FORCES SWEEP RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF SAN
SALVADOR

1. FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, BUT PRESUMABLY HAVING
CONNECTION WITH MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING, OTHER RECENT TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING JULY 1 FIRST-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
ROMERO ADMINISTRATION, GOES SECURITY FORCES CARRIED OUT
HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH OF HOMES IN TWO REASONABLY AFFLUENT
RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF SAN SALVADOR JUNE 29. PRELIMINARY
REPORTS FROM SECURITY FORCES STATE THAT SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED
BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING POSSIBLE
TERRORIST PRESENCE IN AREA.

2. DURING COURSE OF SEARCH, HOME OF AT LEAST ONE
AMERICAN CITIZEN IN PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTERED, WITH
ANTIQUE RIFLE BEING TAKEN AND TWO SERVANTS ALLEGEDLY
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ARRESTED (AMCIT OWNER PRESENTLY IN U.S. ON BUSINESS
TRIP). HOUSE OF AID EMPLOYEE ALSO FORCIBLY ENTERED
AND SEARCHED BY SECURITY FORCES BUT MAID WHO WAS ONLY
PERSON PRESENT APPARENTLY DID NOT SPECIFY THAT HOUSE
WAS DOMICILE OF USG EMPLOYEE. BRITISH AMBASSADOR
HAS ALSO STATED THAT TWO HOMES OF BRITISH CITIZENS
ENTERED AND SEARCHED DURING SAME SWEEP.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN REASON FOR
GOES SECURITY ACTION THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFUL. EMBASSY
PLANS INFORMAL PROTEST TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND GOES FOR
ENTRY INTO HOME OF AID OFFICIAL. SUDDEN INCREASE OF
GOES SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY MAY WELL BE DUE TO FACT
THAT MENDEZ NOPOA AND SOL MEZA RELEASED AND GOES
CONVICTION THAT MATSUMOTO IS DEAD, LEADING TO FEELING THAT
NOW IS APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SECURITY FORCES TO CRACK
DOWN ON TERRORIST ELEMENTS.
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